GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES
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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF COIR
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether removal of MEP fixed earlier for exports of coir products have achieved any results in improving exports and production of coir products;

(b) if so, the extent thereof; and

(c) whether the Government intend to introduce the same to encourage the production and export of coir products and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The details of production/export of Coir and Coir products are as follows whichindicate improvement in production and exports of coir and coir products :

Year	Production of Coir fibre (in M.T) (Qty. in M.T)	Exports of Coir and Coir products	Value(Rs. in crores)
2000-01	3,64,000	67493.08	313.66
2001-02	3,75,000	71334.81	320.58
2002-03	3,90,000@	81000.00@	450.00@

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(c): The decision of abolition of Minimum Export Price (MEP) was taken in the larger interest of the coir industry after due consideration of various issues involved.